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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH



SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.	
October 13, WEELLE, German steamer, 398, E. Piper, Hooch 11th October, General.—WILHELM & Co.	
October 13, CHINELING, British steamer, 700, S. M. Off. Canton 13th October, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.	
October 13, ALBAY, British steamer, 366, F. D. Goddard, Taiwanfu 10th October, and Amoy 13th, General.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	
October 13, CHINA, German steamer, 648, Schoer, Amoy 11th October, General.—YUEN FAT HOKE.	
October 13, DECAY, British steamer, 2022, A. W. Adams, Shanghai 11th Oct., Mail and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
October 13, JORGE JUAN, British steamer, 540, Theobald, Manila 11th Oct., General.—EUSEBL & Co.	
October 14, KWANTUNG, British steamer, 680, J. C. Abbott, Foochow 10th Oct., Amoy 11th, and Swatow 13th, General.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	
October 14, LEGASPI, Spanish transport, R. Valenti, from Manila 9th Oct., Amoy.	
October 14, CAMOTA, Dutch steamer, 1,300, J. Dralle, Batavia 1st Oct., and Saigon 8th, General.—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.	
October 14, POSANG, British steamer, 967, Irving, Canton 14th Oct., General.—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.	
October 14, GREYHOUND, British steamer, 229, D. Scott, Hooch 13th Oct., General.—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.	
October 14, RAJAH-NATTAKHAR, British steamer, 793, Y. Hunter, Bangkok 5th Oct., and Koh-si-chang 7th, General.—YUEN FAT HOKE.	
October 14, PALOU, American gunboat, from Canton.	
CLIFAKANKS, AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE. OCTOBER 13TH.	
Iolo, British str., for Iloilo.	
Patzos, British str., for Singapore.	
City of Peking, Amer. str., for Yokohama.	
Fushun, Chinese str., for Shanghai.	
Dubrov, German str., for Swatow.	
Saltex, French str., for Hoochow.	
Wels, German str., for Hoochow.	
Taichow, British str., for Swatow.	
DEPARTURES.	
October 13, LUCIEN, French gunboat, for Canton.	
October 13, TEZUAN, British bark, for Singapore.	
October 13, TRAIT D'UNION, French sch., for Singapore.	
October 13, IOLANO, British steamer, for Iloilo.	
October 13, FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.	
October 13, CITY OF PEKING, American str., for Yokohama.	
October 14, TAICHOW, British steamer, for Swatow.	
October 14, SALTE, French steamer, for Hoochow.	
October 14, PATROCLUS, British steamer, for Singapore.	
October 14, DUBROV, German steamer, for Swatow.	
PASSENGERS.	
ARRIVED.	
Per Wells, str., from Hoochow.—26 Chinese.	
Per Abyss, str., from Taiwanfu, &c.—China.	
Kuangtung, str., from Coast Ports.—Mr. and Mrs. Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. Reise, Capt. Pitman and Thomas, Mr. Curtis, Master Dixie, and 181 Chinese.	
Per Jorge Juan, str., from Manila.—Mrs. Soriano, Mr. Packingham, 23 Europeans and 7 Chinese.	
Per Deacon, str., from Shanghai.—For Hongkong.—Col. Ike Austin, Mr. W. H. Holt, Messrs. J. H. Scott, C. W. Everard, F. Collins, A. L. Dury, and A. G. Wood, and servant, and 33 Chinese.	
Per Sir Alexander H. H. Muir Matheson of Joroch-Mak-Law—Messrs. V. V. Spratt, horned, Mahomed Sulay, and V. Spratt, and six native servants.	
For Colombo.—Mrs. Bamby's ayah.	
For Hullay.—Mr. H. D. Carnac.	
For Marsella.—Mrs. and Miss MacLean, Messrs. C. Justus, G. E. Wincop, and E. Gammon.	
For London.—Messrs. S. Leslie, A. M. Sowden, and Mr. Scott's 2 children and nurse.	
For Geyhoud, str., from Hoochow.—24 Chinese.	
Per Rajanatthachoor, str., from Bangkok.—5 Europeans and 40 Chinese.	
REPORTS.	
The Dutch steamer <i>Cameria</i> reports left Batavia on the 1st inst., and Saigon on the 8th, and bid strong E. wind.	
The British steamer <i>Jorge Juan</i> reports left Manila on the 11th inst., and had moderate N.E. winds and weather throughout.	
The British steamer <i>Greyhound</i> reports left Hoochow on the 13th instant, and had moderate N.E. wind and fine clear weather throughout. Oct. 14th sighted a French man-of-war at anchor in Santa Cruz Bay, St. John's.	
The British steamer <i>Rajanatthachoor</i> reports left Bangkok on the 5th inst., and Kho-khiao-chang on the 7th, and had light Southerly winds and fine weather to Pulo Condore; from thence to port along N.E. winds and high N.E. swell.	
The British steamer <i>Kuangtung</i> reports from Foochow to Amoy experienced fresh N.E. winds and fine clear weather. From Amoy to Swatow fresh N.E. winds and fine weather. From Swatow to Amoy, fine clear weather. From Amoy to Canton Point, from thence back N.E. winds and fine clear weather. Steamers in Swatow at time of leaving Tientsin, Chefoo, Keeling Wan, Izing, and Namo leaving for Amoy.	
SHANGHAI SHIPPING.	
September—ARRIVED.	
26. Sto Nordiske, Dan. str., from a cruise.	
27. Geckau Maru, Jap. str., from Japan.	
27. Igo, German str., from Nagasaki.	
27. Duran, French str., from Suez.	
27. Ichang, British str., from Hankow.	
27. Foukouang, British str., from Hongkong.	
27. Swatow, British str., from Swatow.	
28. El Dorado, British str., from Tientsin.	
28. Elmo, German 3-m. str., from Bangkok.	
28. Pantai, Chinese str., from New York.	
28. Lung Wo, British str., from Hankow.	
28. Hilla, British bark, from Makassar.	
September—DEPARTURES.	
27. Hiramatsu Maru, Jap. str., for Japan.	
27. Kiang-yung, Chinese str., for Chefoo.	
27. Ningpo, British str., for Nagasaki.	
27. Peking, British str., for Hongkong.	
27. Shant, British str., for Hankow.	
27. Duran, French str., from Manila.	
27. Foo-kuang, Chinese str., for Hongkong.	
27. Nansing, British str., for Nanking.	
28. Polyamia, German str., for Nanchang.	
28. Taiwu, British str., for Hankow.	
28. Lung Wo, British str., from Hankow.	
28. Sto Nordiske, Danish str., for a cruise.	
AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.	
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Japanese Ware, &c.	
At 2 P.M.	

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.	
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....	\$3,000,000.
INSTALLMENT RECEIVED.....	1,925,765.62
NEW SHARES.....	55,925,765.62
RESERVED FUNDS.....	\$2,500,000.
INSTALLMENT RECEIVED.....	693,556.43
MONEY RECEIVED.....	\$3,108,336.43
NEW SHARES.....	116

INSURANCES.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND SOUTHSEA INSURANCE COMPANY.	
THE Underwritten, Agents for the above Company, have received from this date to GRANT POLICIES upon FIRST-CLASS VESSES to the extent of 215,000 at the Reduced Tariff Rates.	
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	
11th May, 1883.	116

CALEDONIAN FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1805.	
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to issue Policies of Insurance against Fire on the usual terms.	
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.	
January 1883.	1883

UNIVERSAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1834.	
THE Underwritten has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, (unless previously disposed of by private contract) on or about the 16th October, 1883, in Hongkong Harbour, on board:	
THE well known German Steamer "CHINA."	

THE MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1832.	
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THE well known German Steamer "CHINA."	

SUN FIRE OFFICE.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.	

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY.

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NOTICE.	

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FOR SALE.

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS.
SUTTON'S FLOWER & VEGETABLE SEEDS.

SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER & VEGETABLE SEEDS.
SUTTON'S CONCENTRATED MANURE
for Flowers and Vegetables.

"LE FLORAL" FRENCH MANURE,
for Trees, Flowers and Vegetables.

MUSHROOM SEAWAN.

RECENT WORKS ON GARDENING.

GARDENING TOOLS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

18th September, 1883. [532]

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO.
FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS,
By Appointment to His Excellency the Go-
VERNOR and his Royal Highness the
DUKE OF EDINBURGH,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
PHARMACEUTISTS,
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,
DRUGGISTS SURGEONS,
And
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED,
PASSENGER SEATS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of
Orders it is particularly requested that all
business communications be addressed to the
Firm A. S. WATSON and Co., or
HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [53]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All letters for publication should be written on
one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not
ordered for a fixed period will be continued until
concerned.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name
and address with communications addressed to the
Editor, for publication, but as evidence of good
faith.

Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should
be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication.

Communications on Editorial matters should be
addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The
Manager," and not to individuals by name.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, October 15th, 1883.

The question of the reorganisation of the
Shanghai Police Force has recently been dis-
cussed at a special meeting of the ratepayers
of the settlement. A well considered scheme
had been prepared by the Watch Committee,
and this was adopted by the meeting with the
exception of one portion of it, namely,
that in which the employment of Sikhs was recommended.
The meeting decided that
Sikhs were unsuitable for policemen in
Shanghai and the place which they were to
occupy in the force, according to the scheme of
the Watch Committee, is to be filled up by
an increase in the number of European
and Chinese. The main objection urged
against them was that they do not speak
either English or Chinese; a minor objection
was that they were rough in their treatment
of Chinese; but the idea which seems to
have chiefly weighed with the voters in
coming to their decision was that the em-
ployment of Sikhs was an experiment the
result of which would be doubtful. They
had, however, the experience of Hongkong
to fall back upon; and in deciding not to
employ Sikhs we think they made a mistake.
As to the rough treatment these men use
towards the Chinese, the objection is scarcely
worth consideration. No great difficulty
has been experienced in Hongkong on this
account. The men are extremely amenable
to discipline, and strict orders issued to them
as to the avoidance of the use of violence,
with due penalties for infringement of the
rules, would have been effective in minimising
the danger apprehended under this head.
As to the objection that the Sikhs do not
speak either English or Chinese, they very
readily pick up a little of both languages,
while the objection applies equally to Euro-
peans so far as their ignorance of the Chinese
language is concerned. When a constable
is on a beat and has to deal with a case in
which the parties are Chinese, the Sikh,
so far as the language is concerned, would
be placed at no greater disadvantage than
the European. The unfortunate result of
the decision is that it will necessitate the
employment of a much larger number of
Chinese. The question of expense has to be
considered, and certain number of beats have
to be filled, and as the funds available are
not sufficient to allow of placing a European
on every beat, either Indian or Chinese
have to be employed. As to the undesirability
of Chinese as constables there appears
to have been a general concurrence of opinion
on the part of those present at the meeting,
but by the resolution arrived at they have
decided to continue and increase the employ-
ment of Chinese rather than venture on the
experiment of engaging Sikhs. As the question
of the suitability of Chinese as constables in
Hongkong has recently been discussed in
these columns it may be of some interest to
note a few of the remarks made at the meet-
ing with reference to native policemen in
Shanghai. Mr. HOLLOWAY, the Chariman of
the Watch Committee, is reported to have said—
"As we have stated in drawing up the
report, the Chinese residents here would wel-
come any change that would tend towards
reducing the number of Chinese Policemen in
the force—lessening the quantity, if not
doing away with it altogether. We have
made enquiries on the point of all with whom
we have been brought into contact; and cer-
tainly we have found nothing like a fixed op-
position to the idea of introducing Sikhs.
Those of whom enquiries have been made
have said they would prefer all Europeans;
but when the question of expense has been
raised they have fallen in with the idea; my
thing was better than Chinese. A gentle-
man—I do not think he would object to my
mentioning his name—it was Mr. THOMAS—
told me some time ago that just before the
last Gouping Meeting some natives spoke to

him on the subject of bringing in a resolution
for reducing the number of Chinese in
the force." Mr. MORRISON, a gentleman who
spoke in opposition to the employment of
Sikhs, said—"I have made some enquiries
of the native inhabitants of this place, and I
am bound to say that some of the most re-
spectable natives said they would be very
glad to see Sikhs instead of Chinese policemen."
He qualified this by adding—"but I
came to the conclusion after visiting Hong-
kong that they said that because they did
not know very much about it." This, how-
ever, we take it, is intended to apply only to
the opinion of the Chinese as to the desirability
of employing Sikhs, not to their
opinion as to the undesirability of employing
Chinese, for who so likely as they to
form a sound opinion on this subject? The
only person who seems to have had a word to
say in favour of the Chinese was Mr. PEAR-
SON, the Superintendent, who said—"I do
not think they are so unpopular as they are
reported to be. I know a great many Chinese
in the Settlement, and I have never had
any serious complaints. Occasionally there
are little things, of course; but then the
complaint is generally against a foreign constable—
a foreign constable strikes a Chinaman
and he comes to me; he refuses to go
before the Consul." As to this, however,
Mr. HOLLOWAY replied—"As regards the Chi-
nese not objecting to the number of natives
in the force, I should say Mr. PENNOLD
would be about the last one in the place to
know the actual truth upon this point. Mr.
PENNOLD is an object of terror to the Chi-
nese, and they are hardly likely to tell him
the true truth. Besides, a Chinaman is very
polite and always agrees with everybody." That
the Chinese do profoundly mistrust
their own countrymen as constables there
can be no doubt, and this can equally be
said of the Sikhs. It is, however, interesting
to note that when a cigar-smoker
possibly escapes with a "cut" of his wages, and
avenges his master to be leniently inclined, and at
the worst a trifling punishment inflicted by
the tribal magistrates of the Mixed Court. Not
only does this indicate the leniency of the Sikhs
but also the fact that the Chinese are
fully affected by the condition of the master
himself, which would serve to convince the most
sceptical of the magnitude of the late eruption.—
Stratford Times.

The *Salmon Independent* of the 6th inst. says—
"It appears that the Black Flags are doing
well in mass. They have abandoned all their
positions between Hankow and Canton without
striking a single blow." A somewhat similar result of the Krusade
eruption has apparently taken place in the N. E. S.
Canton's Adams, *General von Sydow*, on her
arrival placed in the grazing dock at Taku
Port. She was found to have the bows and
portions of the hull polished to the bare iron.
She experienced the full force of the late volcanic
disturbances, and was for a time enveloped in
complete darkness. The vessel had to force its
way through a vast field of smoke and debris
and although the lighting of this volcanic field
had affected the condition of the steamer's
hull, which would serve to convince the most
sceptical of the magnitude of the late eruption.—
Stratford Times.

The *N. C. Daily News*—Of what pun-
ishment shall a man be thought worthy—he
watches, cools, or a boy—who steals a shirt?
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similar similes—give themselves airs; walk the roads as if they had a right to be there and in many other respects grow unbecomingly uppish. Conservative morality is greatly shocked by this public scandal, and though the general sense of indignation is held in check by an uneasy recollection of the days when the French seemed to do not have a nice time of it when they go shopping in the city. They revenge themselves, however, after a fashion, by practising a doubly demonstrative street and occupying twice as much road as usual when they take the air under the protection of their concierge. It happened, the other day, that a hot-blooded Chinese, who had been endowed by the happenstance of birth with a pair of sharp claws, red, hairy, protuberant, like the tentacles of a cuttlefish, was seen to dash across the boulevard. The Chinese, who had been born in the Cantonese quarter, did not know what to do with his claws, so he took them off and threw them away. He then went to the police station and said to the officer in charge, "I am a Chinese, and I have no place to go home to." The Chinese, who had been born in the Cantonese quarter, did not know what to do with his claws, so he took them off and threw them away. He then went to the police station and said to the officer in charge, "I am a Chinese, and I have no place to go home to."

"There's no place like home!" repeated Mr. Bonapart, looking at a motto, and he heartily approved of it. The motto had written another novel called "One's a Village Mulder," which will shortly be published in London.

Messrs. Macmillan announce a new volume, by Mr. J. H. Shorthouse, the author of "John Inglesot," to be called "The Little Schoolmaster Mark."

It would be quite easy to pay the national debt by imposing a tax on beauty. There isn't a woman left in the country who would not demand to be assessed.

Mrs. Fitzalan, the other day said to her husband, "You have never taken me to the cemetery." "No, dear," he said, "that is a pleasure I have yet had only in anticipation."

M. Paul Meyer has discovered another mystery of old French manuscript—this time in a private library at Cambridge. It is a fragment of a will of St. Edmund, Canterbury, dating from the thirteenth century.

A gentleman having his hair cut, and being annoyed with the operator's stories, in the middle of each said, "Cut it short." At last the barber, in a rage, exclaimed, "It cannot be any shorter, for every hair on your head is off."

Mr. George Taylor, of Penarth, has devised an apparatus for transferring railway wagons from one platform to another, and thus saving time and cost in shifting wagons simultaneously, instead of at once only.

Owing to the depressed condition of the Municipal finances, the Bemby Town Council have reduced the grant of Rs. 50,000 recommended by the Corporation for the festivities consequent upon the reception of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. The amount will be Rs. 40,000.

"You haven't got such a thing as a pair of old trousers, have you?"—"No, my man," said the merchant, "I don't keep my wardrobe in my counting-house."—"Where do you live?" rejoined Pat, "and I'll call in the morning for the pair you've got on."

The first experiment with electric trams was made in Paris, on the 1st of October, 1882, and was successful. Thirty English miles were run in about three hours. The motion was noiseless. The estimated cost is about one-half that of horse trams.

Some interest has been excited in India in consequence of the sun presenting a peculiar greenish appearance at certain periods of the day. It is believed that the phenomenon is due to the passage across India of a tremendous number of sulphuric vapors from the recent volcanic eruption in the Sunda Islands of Government, and everybody, without any exception whatever, desires to preserve at least the outlines of the imperialism which is supposed to have existed here eight centuries before the Christian era. The Constitutional Imperialist Party consequently represented nothing more than an abolition of thoughts, enthusiasm, and energy. It was Fukukawa, editor of the Nippon Shimbun, who, by the universal ravages of party-making through the officialdom, like every other agitator of co-actors, must be represented upon the political platform, and in pursuance of this fancy laboured to collect a series of controversialists who had no sooner assumed the shape of a party than they found themselves without the sympathy of those they professed to represent, and unopposed by those they endeavored to accomplish. So they only held together long enough to accomplish a dozen diances.

If the Constitutional Imperialists needed proof of the fact that any attempt to defer the hope held out to the nation by the Imperial Rescript of 1881 would receive no official support, they probably found that proof in the visit of a Japanese Plenipotentiary, whose mission was to bring up the question of conservative views placed him entirely beyond the pale of the "Movement." The Japanese party, perfectly distinct, although they say in rough words, that it is sometimes difficult to hear, Americans and New Zealand seem far ahead of the English towns in their adoption of the telephone system, all others, the towns having 32 miles. In New Zealand, Messrs. Royo, Stoddard, and Co. have a wire between their two houses at Christchurch and Timaru, the distance being 103 miles.

"I am sorry that the consumption of rum has decreased, that bear has increased, and that the price of tea has gone down."—A thoughtful foreigner will find many followers.

Indeed, we cannot doubt the opinions of his doctrine may play a very useful part in the political progress of this country. But he is out of sympathy with his time. All classes in Japan, officials not excluded, are resolved, bent upon introducing constitutional forms of government, and those that attempt to stem the tide of popular resolve must be prepared to be swept aside uneventfully.—Japan Mail.

SOME RECENT KOREAN DECEASES.

A Korean correspondent of the N. G. Daily News, writing from Seoul, says:

Some rather interesting state-papers have recently been issued, of which I send you copies herewith. The first is a Decree by His Majesty, conferring posthumous honours upon those who fell while fighting in the royal cause during the later rebellion. It reads as follows:—

"Let it be Proclaimed: Last year when a revolt occurred among the soldiers, many military and civil officers, who were of course people polluted miserably. We have already issued a decree that their names should be dissolved and official rank conferred upon the deceased in order to show the kind and generous feelings of the State towards them. Now this is the anniversary of the event, and we feel most deeply sorrowful and melancholy in thinking of their departed souls. Let us therefore, therefore, be offered to them all the

"Let it be Proclaimed: the nobles who lost their lives during the revolt are hereby ennobled with the title of King (Duke), and that the other officials both military and civil, who classed in the order of Councillors on the Right Hand) and sacrifice to their tombs. The next document is a very remarkable one: It appears that an attempt has been made to get the Emperor to give the King the power of giving his sister and brother-in-law the rank of emperors. This has aroused the indignation of a nobleman belonging to this clan, who is of nobility. Under-Secretary of the Board of Punishments, named Li Jung-yuan, who has addressed a most urgent Memorial to the Throne, of which the following is a summary:—

The nobles and officials of the Government have called on the Ministers of the Boards and all his Majesty's Councillors to compose a memorial in honour of the King, and have sent him an honorific title in recognition of his many princely virtues. But Your servant is at variance with them on this subject, and now presents a Memorial avowing that in spite of disgrace or even death itself, which ever may fall on the court, he has elected to take, he does not hesitate to lay his life at the feet of the King. In the time of the Han dynasty the Emperor Kang Wu, whose virtuous qualities are well known to posterity, forbade any official to address him by the title of sheng (Holy). It is but right that the subjects of his Majesty should wish their Sovereign to be above the Empress of the Eastern Han, and not worse than the ruler of the T'ang dynasty and those who followed. In the time of the State are yet in place and confirm the law, and the officials and the national manners are fast becoming depraved. The Treasury is empty, and the taxes collected are not equal to the necessary expenditure; the Government has only enough to cover the rising of the soldiers through the goodwill and protection of the Royal Armies. Now is the time for all official high and low, merit and virtue, to assist the State, and end to the present disorder in which we are now threatened. But to listen to the King and tell him into a false belief that the people are happy and his Throne secure is not the way to make Korea either great or powerful. Moreover his Majesty is still only in the prime of manhood, and may live to a very old age; it is the proper time for praising him. Your servant's experience and knowledge is quite insufficient to allow him to do so, but he dares to oppose the wishes of the nobles, and the officials, and the national manners are fast becoming depraved. 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